

CHAPTER 971

H.B. No. 756

An Act relating to a uniform size for certain supplies and equipment used by state agencies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "state agency" means a board, commission, department, institution, office, or other agency of the state government, including an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION OF USE OF LEGAL SIZE PAPER; EXCEPTIONS. (a) A state agency may not purchase forms, bond paper, stationery, pads, or similar paper supplies that exceed 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size unless the paper supplies are perforated or otherwise designed to produce completed documents that do not exceed 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size.

(b) A state agency may not purchase filing cabinets that are designed to store completed documents that exceed 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size.

(c) This section does not prohibit the purchase or use of forms or paper supplies that exceed 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size if those forms or paper supplies are used:

(1) for documents prepared on forms developed by a national organization for use by the states and those forms designed to be compatible with such national documents;

(2) for the preparation of documents required by the federal government;

(3) to maintain accounting or bookkeeping records;

(4) for the preparation of financial reports;

(5) for budget documents, nontext computer reports or documents, charts, graphs, tables, maps, diplomas, artwork, or architectural or engineering drafts or documents;

(6) for enlarging small print materials for the visually impaired; or

(7) for resale purposes.

(d) This section does not prohibit the purchase or use of fan-fold paper designed for use in computer peripheral devices.

SECTION 3. TRANSITION; USE OF CURRENT SUPPLIES. (a) Each state agency shall use its store of paper supplies that exceed 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size and that are on hand on the effective date of this Act until those supplies are exhausted.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 9, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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